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IT'S YOUR NEWSPAPER

Record Turnout Fuels Close Races



"INDIE" CANDIDATES - Hollywood hotshots George Lucas, left, and Steven Spielberg shocked the world by winning the presidency and vice-presidency, respectively, Nov. 2. The Academy Award-winning directors were at NBC Studios in Burbank when results were confirmed.

■ Coming down to the wire, the presidential race keeps people up.

BY ZABIE MANSOORY,
 SUSAN MALTBY
 AND LAGINA PHILLIPS
 STAFF WRITERS

With polls closing at 8 p.m. Tuesday, the race between President George W. Bush and John Kerry, the four-term U.S. senator from Massachusetts, was still too close to tell at press time.

Reminiscent of the 2000 race, America still didn't know who would occupy the White House late last night. At press time, Bush was leading with 246 electoral votes, according to ABC News. Kerry had 206 electoral votes according to various media outlets, taking California and Washington.

The outcome is still pending on Ohio, the last of the three largest battleground states, including Florida, which Bush took and Pennsylvania, which Kerry won.

"The world watches our great democracy function, and there would be nothing better for our system for the election to be conclusively over tonight so that - I think it's going to be me - so I can go on and lead this country," said President George W. Bush.

If Bush takes Alaska as expected - and Ohio - and Kerry wins every other state, there will be a 269 tie and the decision will be left to congress.

"No matter what happens our country will be stronger, it will be united," said Kerry, watching poll results from Boston. "We will be united and we will move forward because that's what most Americans need to do."

To win the presidency, a candidate must gain majorities in enough states to collect at least 270 Electoral College votes, appropriated among states based on congressional representation. That tally, rather than the national vote total, determines the winner.

The election was not without scattered reports of voting irregularities and with narrow results in several states, but nothing severe enough to call last night's results immediately into question.



COURTESY BARBARA BOXER

THE WINNING END - Barbara Boxer keeps her U.S. Senate seat.

Barbara Boxer Keeps U.S. Senate Seat

■ Democrats keep their hold on California's liberal representation.

BY TIFFANY FARMAKIS
 NEWS EDITOR

Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer romped to re-election Tuesday in a landslide victory over Republican challenger, Bill Jones.

Boxer, leading in the polls, was guaranteed the race despite her strategy of "running scared" winning 55 percent of the vote.

"Californians seem to feel that I'll stand up and fight for them," said Boxer.

Boxer, a former stockbroker and journalist was elected to the Marin County Board of Supervisors in 1976, the House of Representatives in 1982 and the U.S. Senate in 1992. A liberal and outspoken member of the Senate, Boxer campaigned against Bush administration policies concerning the Iraq war, economy and environment.

She started her 2004 campaign attacking Jones' conservative position. However, when Jones failed to gain traction with voters, Boxer changed her focus concentrating on healthcare, education and emergency services.

Students Vote, Then React to Election Results

■ Valley College students who voted watch the results with anticipation.

BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
 STAFF WRITER

Several Valley students active in political affairs watched news reports as election results came in Tuesday night.

"Women are in grave danger of losing their rights over their own bodies as long as Bush remains in office," said Students Active in Political Affairs vice president, Sharon Hollombe expressing her anger about Bush.

At press time, President George Bush held the lead in the electoral vote. "I hope Bush wins the popular vote," said Hollombe, trying to liven up the mood in the room.

"If 90 percent of D.C. voted for Kerry, that should send a message to the rest of America," said Debbie Heimowitz another student worried about the future of the nation. Associated Student Union president Levon Bagramian can't vote because he's only a permanent resident, not a citizen.

He feels frustration but encourages more people to get involved in any way possible. "I feel I've motivated enough people to vote," said Bagramian. "I though Arizona was smarter than that."

'Blanket Ballot' Measure Passes; Other Propositions Split Evenly

■ Gov. Schwarzenegger-supported measure passes, despite opposition from within his own party.

BY LAGINA PHILLIPS
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

California voters decided on many propositions, including the controversial stem cell research proposition, the re-writing of the "Three Strikes" law and the revenues from Indian Casinos.

Proposition 71 - Stem Cell Research

This controversial measure passed with 64 percent of the vote.

Proposition 71 - Stem Cell Research Funding, will establish a constitutional right to

perform stem-cell research, with the funds for the research coming from the sale of \$3 billion in state bonds. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is among the many supporters of Proposition 71.

Proposition 66 - Limitations on "Three Strikes" Law

This measure passed with 56 percent of the vote.

"Three Strikes" will require increased sentences of 25 years when the current conviction is for a specified violent or serious felony. It also redefines violent and serious felonies to mean

that only when a prior conviction is specified as a violent or serious felony, brought and tried separately, would it qualify for second and third "strike" sentence increases. This law will allow conditional re-sentencing of people with sentences under the current "Three Strikes" law if previous sentencing offenses or prior convictions, would no longer qualify as violent or serious felonies. The proposition will also increase punishment for specified sex crimes against children.

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SEVAN GHAZARYAN / VALLEY STAR

WANT SAMOA? - Monarchs Laumoli Faleafaga and cousin Karifi from the Pacific Islands have been best friends their whole lives, but have known they are family for only a decade.

VALLEY PEOPLE

Tight Family On and Off the Gridiron

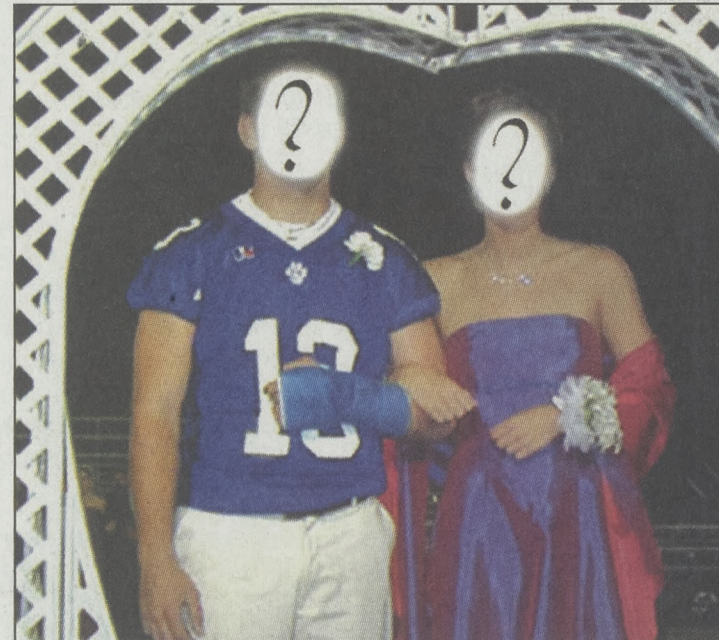
■ Monarch athletes make things a family effort on the football field.

BY MAGGIE OWNBEY
 AND SAM HAHN
 STAFF WRITERS

Students across the Los Angeles Valley College campus who voted Tuesday reacted to results about the president, U.S. Senators, U.S. representatives

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HOMECOMERS?



BOB TEICHMANN / VALLEY STAR PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

PEOPLE-LESS COURT - Kings and queens are usually crowned at the Valley Homecoming game, but budget restraints prevented the annual coronation from happening Oct. 30 as planned.

Inside: Dance Pg. 4, Football vs. Allan Hancock Pg. 6

NEWS REEL

WORLD:

CHAOS IN IRAQ: Kidnappers abducted an American, a Sri Lankan and two Arabs from their Baghdad office late Monday. Earlier that day, a gunman assassinated two Iraqi government officials in separate attacks.

NATIONAL:

VERMONT LEGALIZES MEDICINAL MARIJUANA: Starting Thursday, seriously ill Vermont residents can apply to use marijuana for medical purposes. The medical marijuana bill became law this spring without the governor's signature. Applicants will have to meet certain criteria to qualify.

STATE:

HALLOWEEN SHOOTING: Two men who were turned away from a Halloween house party in Los Angeles Saturday night returned and fired into the gathering, wounding five women. According to police, one woman was seriously hurt. The suspects are still at large.

CAMPUS EYE

ETUDES LUNCH N' LEARN: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1 p.m. at Monarch Hall.

NEW CLUB: TRANSFER CLUB: Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1 p.m. at Humanities 103.

INTER-CLUB COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, Nov. 4, 1 p.m. at CC104

SPACE AND WORK: Thursday, Nov. 4, 1 p.m. at PCR.

THINK TRANSFER

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APPLICATION PERSONAL STATEMENT WORKSHOP: Monday Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m. at H100 and Tuesday Nov 9 and 16 at 1 p.m. in H100.

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UCLA: Wednesday Nov. 3, 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. at Monarch Square.

CAL STATE L.A.: Wednesday Nov. 3, 9 a.m.- 11 a.m., at Monarch Square.

UCLA: Wednesday Nov. 3, 10 a.m.- 3:30 a.m., at Monarch Square.

CSUN: Monday Nov. 8, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. at Monarch Square.

UC SANTA CRUZ: Tuesday Nov. 9, 9 a.m.- 11 a.m., at Monarch Square.

She's Movin' On Up

■ Carlotta Tronto is officially named vice president of academic affairs.



DAN VILLASENOR / VALLEY STAR

IT IS OFFICIAL - Now-permanent Vice President of Academic Affairs Carlotta "Carlie" Tronto poses next to a few of her many awards as well as beloved cat memorabilia.

By TIFFANY FARMAKIS
NEWS EDITOR

Carlotta, "Carlie," Tronto, who has served as interim vice president of academic affairs since January 2003, was officially given the position, effective Nov. 1.

"I'm pretty excited," said Tronto. "I've been in the acting position since last year and I've enjoyed that time, but now it's official, I'm even more excited."

Tronto was selected out of 43 potential candidates.

"I think it was a great decision to select Carlie, I don't think we could have made a better choice," said Jeanne Rubin, executive assistant to the president. "She has a real ability to motivate people and is well respected by the faculty members and classified staff."

Tronto worked as a classroom instructor for 27 years prior to her administrative work at Valley. She joined the college in 1996 as dean of Academic Affairs.

"This is a great school," said Tronto. "The faculty and

staff are dedicated to meeting the needs of the students and assisting them in achieving their academic goals."

She has also worked closely with the Strategic Team for the Advancement and Retention of Students (STARS), an open entry program that brings faculty and students together in order to discuss and develop effective learning strategies.

"This program is completely different," said Tronto. "The students have a lot to offer. The faculty has the opportunity to learn from them and vice-versa. There's no talking head."

Tronto will be honored for her new position at the "Welcome Open House" today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the academic affairs office located in the administration building, room 102.

"Ms. Tronto is an excellent academic leader," said Valley's president Tyree Wieder in a press release. "I am pleased that she will continue to be part of our team as we move forward to accomplish our educational goals and 'reVitalizing' efforts at Valley College."

Chemistry Professor Remembered

Retired chemistry professor William Knaack, who passed away earlier this month, will be honored by his family and the Valley College chemistry staff on Knaack's birthday, Sunday, Nov. 7.

Knaack hosted many 'Chemistry Magic' shows in the chemistry lab for more than 40 years.

The memorial, scheduled for 1 p.m. in the chemistry building, room 100, is open to anyone who wishes to honor the professor. Cake and punch will be served and well-wishers are invited to make donations to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers.

CAMPUS CRIME

Hit-and-Run Occurs on Campus

By ADRIANA OLIVAREZ
STAFF WRITER

Hit and Run

On Tuesday, Oct. 26 a female student returned to her car after class and noticed her driver's-side rear view mirror was damaged.

The hit-and-run happened between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. in parking lot G. The suspect is still at large.

Theft

On Tuesday Oct. 12 a 1993 Honda was broken into at parking lot A. The victim states that he left his car locked and went to class and when he returned he discovered that both doors were unlocked. The suspect or suspects took an estimated

\$800 in goods including the victim's radio, amplifier and personal belongings.

On Tuesday Oct. 19 another car was burglarized in lot A. The victim parked and locked her 2000 Acura Integra and went to class. When she returned, her driver's-side door was unlocked and her stereo was missing.

According to police reports on both incidents, no forced entry was noticed, causing officials to assume these criminals are still at large.

To minimize chances of your car getting burglarized, make sure your car is locked before going to class and do not leave any belongings in plain sight.

The Valley College Sheriff's Department asks that anyone with information regarding any of these incidents to please call the department at (818) 947-2911.

For the Record

In the Oct. 27, 2004 issue of The Valley Star, Pepperdine University was mistated as being a community college.

California's Propositions

[Propositions] from Pg. 1

Proposition 70 - Tribal Gaming Compacts

Proposition 70 failed to pass gaining only 26 percent of the vote.

This measure would have allowed any federally recognized tribe to operate as many casinos and as many slot machines as it wanted on its land, along with currently prohibited games such as craps and roulette. In return, the tribes would share their casinos' net revenues with the state, at a level equivalent to the corporate tax rate, which is currently 8.8 percent.

For most tribes, the current limit of a maximum of

two casinos and 2,000 slot machines has posed few difficulties. Fewer than 20 tribes are at or near the 2,000-slot limit, and only one tribe operates the maximum of two casinos. Though, for most of those "big casino" tribes, the limits have posed very real problems.

Proposition 68 - Non-Tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion

Eighty percent of voters said no to Proposition 68.

Proposition 68 would have authorized a group of 16 card rooms and race-tracks to operate a total of up to 30,000 slot machines, unless Indian casino tribes

agreed to share 25 percent of their slot machine revenue with local programs.

Proposition 69 - DNA Sample Collection

Proposition 69 passed with 66 percent of the vote. This proposition will force people convicted of any felony to give a DNA sample, which could be used by law enforcement to identify and convict criminals. Current law only requires those convicted of a serious felony to render a sample.

Criminal penalties, such as fees for traffic tickets, would go up to help pay to keep track of more DNA samples.



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PRESIDENT'S GALA- Sponsor of the President's Gala, URS Corporation, Vice President Andres Ocon hands Valley President Tyree Wieder a \$10,000 check. The Patrons Association will act as host for Valley College's 55th anniversary to be celebrated at the President's Gala, which will commemorate and honor alumnus Art Ginsberg at the Sheraton Universal Hotel on Nov. 6.

Valley Students React to Election Results

[Reactions] from Pg. 1

Michael Moore, Oscar-winning documentary filmmaker, came to USC on Oct. 14 to encourage college students to cast ballots against President Bush in the upcoming election.

Between 3,500 and 4,000 students and fans attended the free event at 7:45 p.m. at McCarthy Quad. Several Iraq soldiers and their family members shared letters and political views and Moore promoted his new bestselling book, "Will They Ever Us Trust Again? Letters From the War Zone." The event also featured a performance by Tom Morello of the band "Rage Against the Machine."

More than 20 men and women stood after Moore called upon all the veterans in the audience to stand to be applauded for their bravery and contribution to the country.

"I'm a veteran and first-time voter," said Jeff Sardegna, 32, a USC political science major, who served

ASU Predicts Presidential Outcome

Associated Students Union President Levon Bagramian and Vice President of Political Affairs Ron Cabrera made their projections for the presidential election.

Bagramian

John F. Kerry (282-256)*
Battleground States: Kerry - Florida, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Iowa
Bush - Ohio, New Mexico, Hawaii

Cabrera

George W. Bush (273-265)*
Battleground States: Bush - Florida, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Hawaii
Kerry - Ohio, Iowa, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Minnesota

*Electoral College Votes

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OPINION

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Afghan Election or Afghan Selection?

■ An Afghan student shares his perspective of democracy's tumultuous process.

BY ZABIE MANSOORY
STAFF WRITER

Afghanistan's first presidential election in October was mostly free of the threatened violence by the Taliban who hoped to disrupt it. But it wasn't free of fraud, even though President Bush called it a victory.

A native Afghan myself, I kept an eye on Afghanistan's election wondering who would lead my home country. While reading the news I started to question this election after all 15 candidates opposing U.S.-backed interim President Hamid Karzai withdrew in the middle of voting, charging the government and the United Nations with fraud and incompetence.

The 15 candidates said they will challenge the results of the election.

"There is going to be an independent commission made

to investigate it. There could be mistakes; we are just human beings," said electoral director, Farooq Wardak. "My colleagues might have made a mistake."

Karzai, who was appointed by the United States to rule the country following Sept. 11 - after overthrowing the Taliban government - said, "Who is more important, these 15 candidates or the millions of people who turned out today to vote? Both myself and all these candidates should respect our people because in the dust and snow and rain, they waited for hours and hours to vote."

So what was the problem? According to British Broadcasting Corporation news reports, there were several irregularities in the process.

The ink given by Karzai's government for fingerprinting was fake ink. In some cases the poll workers used markers to get

people's fingerprint. Also, poll workers were asking people to vote for Karzai.

"There is fraud taking place in the elections, planned fraud and organized fraud," Massooda Jala, Afghanistan's only female candidate, said. "Everyone knows that."

Organized fraud? That sounds similar to what happened in Florida in the 2000 presidential election.

Let's see, Karzai was the Bush Administration's choice and we know for a fact that the United States spent millions of dollars there. Would you do something to make sure your investment wins?

Absolutely. Who wouldn't? The results were released last week. Unsurprisingly, the majority was won by U.S.-backed Hamid Karzai.

Now, we'll just have to wait and see how long he's able to hold on to the position.

Letter to the Editor

In the olden days at Valley, semester schedule catalogs were free. Now, because of the state budget crisis they are no longer free.

Visitors to the financial aid office will notice little pink half-sheets announcing the increased tuition. No one actually reads them and they litter the floor.

Is it only me or does anyone else see that the college would save some money if it was not wasted on such useless advertising?

In the financial aid office, students can't make copies anymore and students must provide their own.

I don't understand why we pay 50 cents for each of the class catalogs. Winter and summer intersession catalogs have much fewer pages than spring and fall, so why must we pay the same for all?

Now, some genius is going to make the thicker catalogs more expensive as opposed to making the winter and summer catalogs cheaper, but that isn't the point. The point is to make rational decisions and get the job done efficiently.

Ashar Ali, math major

ALL THE NEWS THAT GIVES US FITS

Flu Furor Reaches Fever Pitch

BY KATHARINE ANDERSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Most people know the outrageous costs of pharmaceuticals and many students without health insurance quiver at the thought of the medicines necessary to cure common illnesses.

A good defense is to spend a few dollars every year and get the flu vaccine. Twenty dollars is a good investment to prevent the financial worry of missing work, school and life in general.

Not this year. Consumers are lucky if they can even find a vaccine, making this season's hottest ticket the flu shot.

Chiron Corporation announced Oct. 5 that its flu shot production was stopped because of bacterial contamination in the company's plant in England. This annihilated America's supply by almost half, forcing health officials to recommend that the limited doses be given to the elderly, children and other high-risk individuals.

If a consumer is actually able to find a dispensary for the shot, they need to be wary of the cost. According to recent news reports, some flu shot distributors may be guilty of price-gouging - raising the selling price to hospitals more than 500 percent. If the hospitals buy, this translates into a whole lot more money the consumer will pay.

Just another way for thieves to take advantage of the average person.

The flu vaccine has been selling for \$80 - to - \$100 per 10-dose vial. Price-gougers have been offering the same 10-dose vial for as high as \$950.

Guess we know who the fat cats are this year.

Med-Stats, a Fort Lauderdale pharmaceutical company accused of price-gouging, relinquished to the state of Florida its last five vials of the scarce vaccine and agreed to no longer buy or sell the flu shots.

ASAP Meds, conducting business as Med-Stats, contends that they had to pay \$610 per vial for the majority of the vaccine it purchased from its distributors. The company then allegedly marked up the price to \$900 per vial.

So, if you get ripped off it's OK to rip off someone else?

Not in the least. The obscene mark-up is victimizing the consumers. In no way is it acceptable to make preventive medicine unattainable.

Just because Chiron eliminated its production of the vaccine does not necessarily mean that the other vaccine producers paid more to produce it. The vaccine still cost the same to create, and thus should have been sold for the normal price.

Stealing is wrong, no matter how colorfully it's painted.

By agreeing to 'donate' it's

last five vials and to not buy or sell the vaccine, Med-Stats is trying to be the martyr. It wants the public to see it as a good, honest company that does right by the consumer.

Unfortunately, it retained counsel that suffers from foot-in-mouth disease.

"We were never going to sell anymore anyway; we had no more to sell," Rick Reyes, a lawyer representing Med-Stats said. "You can't find it."

Translate that to mean that Med-Stats made their money and cannot make more, so why should they care if they are banned.

Maybe Med-Stats' clients should ban them.

Richard Quartarone, a spokesman for the Georgia Division of Public Health said that it's not illegal for a company to gouge hospitals and health-care providers on the price of flu shots, if the governor has not declared a flu-vaccine emergency.

Maybe Georgia residents need to re-evaluate their representatives within that division. Instead of telling the ethically-challenged companies that it's OK to conduct these practices, they should be urging the governor to call an emergency and while he's at it, pass new legislation.

It may not be illegal to price-gouge, but it is unethical.

The victims of price-gouging are not the hospitals, clinics or health-care professionals - they are America's children.



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ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

EACH WEEK, THE VALLEY STAR EXAMINES AN ISSUE FROM TWO SIDES.
THIS WEEK: IS FUEL EFFICIENCY STILL IMPORTANT?

■ Make your voice heard! Participate in the online poll at www.lavalleystar.com

Fuel Efficiency is Only An Illusion

■ Restrictions and regulations for the oil industry would spell economic disaster.

BY JAMES DABBAGIAN
STAFF WRITER

America has a responsibility to meet the demands of its people by any means necessary.

Regardless of an energy crisis, there are plenty of ways to keep America's gas supply plentiful. Regulation and alternatives could result in economic disaster and damage the oil industry in America due to the masses of people who depend on cars to get around.

If people are unable to travel to their destinations, whether it be to their place of work, shopping or even just out to dinner, then money wouldn't circulate as freely and the economic climate would suffer.

Furthermore, more regulation would force the oil industry to spend additional funds to keep within the regulations and in order for the industry to compensate, gas prices will increase.

With recent advances in technology, oil shortage could be a thing of the past. A system known as thermo depolymerization promises to turn our trash into treasure, literally.

The process of TDP takes regular carbon-based garbage, which is essentially anything in

the average household and turns it into usable crude oil, ready for the refinery.

A hundred pounds of tires can become 44 pounds of oil and a similar amount of medical waste can be converted into 65 pounds of oil, according to National Geographic News.

Americans accumulate millions of tons of garbage each year. Using TDP, we can turn left-wing talk of a fuel shortage into trash talk that leads the way to cheap fuel.

America produces 5,681,000 barrels of oil each day and

imports 9,665,000 barrels a day, according to the Energy Information Administration.

With the advent of TDP many more barrels will be available and fuel shortage will become a story of hard times that is told to grandchildren.

It may be bad for the environment, but in spite of supposedly dwindling supplies America is destined to be a gas-guzzling nation.

It's America's responsibility to give people what they want, so they can get where they want to go.

Land of Unrestrained Consumption

■ Cut the engines: America is using more than its fair share of fossil fuel.

BY WILLIAM HINES
STAFF WRITER

America is the best country in the world, but that's no license to hog.

North America uses approximately 30 percent of energy consumed in the world each year, even though it makes up less than 20 percent of the world's population, according to the Energy Information Administration.

We import about 20 million barrels of petroleum a month, or about 5 million more than Europe, and most of it goes to power gas-

guzzling cars.

Sports utility vehicles and sports cars are the perfect American possessions. Like their owners, they're thoughtlessly greedy and excessive in their usage.

Americans buy SUVs because bigger and faster is always better.

After all, the guy with the sharp car always gets the good-looking girl.

Owning a sports car as a primary vehicle doesn't make sense when you consider freeway speed limits.

And which part of L.A.

requires four-wheel driving?

Often, an SUV will come to a complete stop before turning in or out of a driveway. For goodness sake, you've got an SUV, buddy. You should take curbs without pause.

Sunday drivers, off-road enthusiasts and speed-racers who commute on a daily basis have no reason to drive either of these gas-guzzlers as a primary mode of transportation.

Even though SUVs are the new station wagon, they deplete non-renewable resources and ruin the environment.

SUVs made by General Motors, Chrysler, Land Rover, and Ford average around 16 miles per gallon, as compared to the Honda Civic and Toyota Prius hybrids that get about 40 miles per gallon.

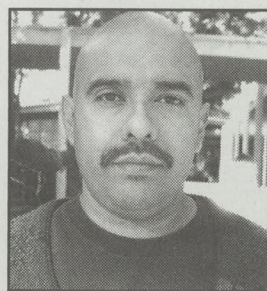
SUVs and sports cars have horrendous greenhouse gas emissions ratings, which contribute to global warming.

Sports cars don't exactly fall into the environmentally conscious or globally respectful categories.

It's understood that the car you drive has a lot to do with how cool people think you are, but the health of the environment is too big of a price to pay for an ego boost.

Campus View

PHOTOS BY DAN VILLASENOR



"Bigger cars are better if you are economically stable."

-Eric Mendez



"No, because small cars are cuter"

-Vicky Blikian and Ani Davtian.



"Not necessarily, they are difficult to drive, they are dangerous, and they take too much gas."

-Chase L. Knowles



"No, because the more gas they consume, the more pollution into the air."

-Jennifer Moran

Is Bigger Better ... When it Comes to Cars?

WEDNESDAY
TO TUESDAY

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Cannibal Corpse
6 p.m.
House of Blues Sunset Strip,
Hollywood
\$22

Thursday, Nov. 4

Thomas Otten & Ronna Binn, pianos
11:30 a.m.
Music Recital HallCoheed and Cambria
6:30 p.m.
Hollywood Palladium, Hollywood
\$17.50

Friday, Nov. 5

Jeremy Jouve, classical guitar
8 p.m.
Music Recital Hall
2 for \$15 presale
\$10 @ doorDeath Cab for Cutie
8 p.m.
The Wiltern, Los Angeles
\$20

Saturday, Nov. 6

2004 Music Awards Show
6:30 p.m.
Key Club, Los Angeles
\$15

Sunday, Nov. 7

A Static Lullaby
6 p.m.
Troubadour, West Hollywood
\$12

Monday, Nov. 8

Diana Ross
8 p.m.
Pantages Theatre, Hollywood
\$52-\$127

Tuesday, Nov. 9

...And You Will Know Us by the Trail
of the Dead
8 p.m.
The Roxy, Los Angeles
\$15

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Devastation Across the Nation Tour
feat. Shadows Fall
7 p.m.
House of Blues Sunset Strip,
Hollywood
\$20

Thursday, Nov. 11

LAVC Jazz Band
Woody James, director
11:30 a.m.
Music Room 112

Friday, Nov. 12

Morrissey
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THEATER REVIEW

Bogart Brings Radio Back
With a New Face

■ CART visits Valley College's Main Stage Theatre for the first time.

BY LAGINA PHILLIPS
AND TIFFANY FARMAKIS
STAFF WRITER

Gracing Valley College's Main Stage Theatre, "The Man with Bogart's Face," starring comedian and impersonator Rich Little and presented by the California Artist Radio Theatre, took the audience back to an era long gone.

The 40s-era comedic mystery takes itself lightly, making spoof of the generation and its actors. At one point in the show Beverly Garland's character asks the main character to meet her at the Beverly Garland Hotel, evoking laughter from the audience.

"Please turn off all cell phones, pagers and electronic devices... You can leave pace makers on," Dean of Journalism Dennis Reed joked, making light of the audience, the majority of which were over 40.

"It was a joyous event," said CART founder Peggy Webber. "The audience loved the cast. It was a very good turnout."

Performing for a packed theatre, the production starred Little as a former cop who retires and gets plastic surgery to transform his image into that of his idol, Humphrey Bogart. He then sets up shop as a private eye under

the name Sam Marlow, and hires Dutchess (Leslie Easterbrook), a shapely secretary, who is reminiscent of Marilyn Monroe.

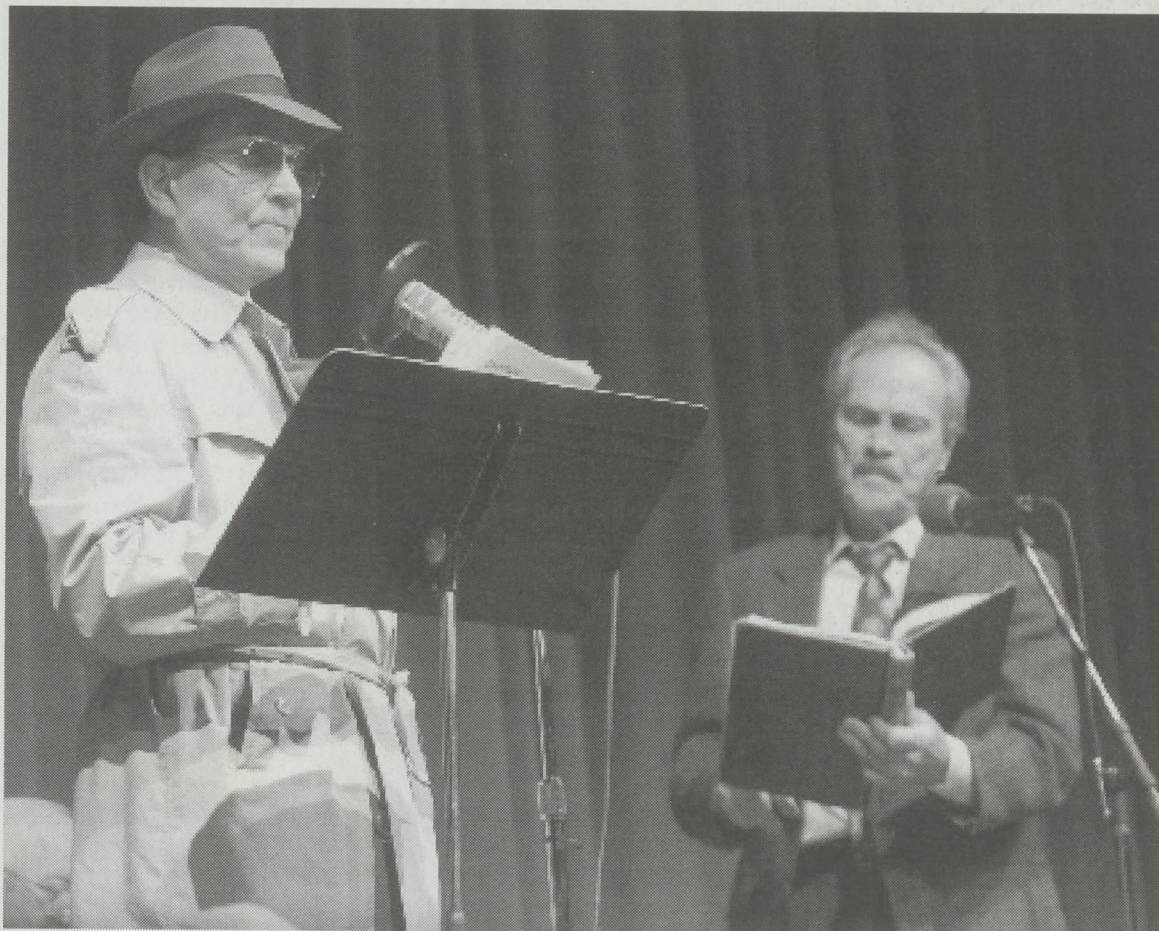
At first, Sam's only client is his verbose landlady, Mother (Jo Anne Worley). Then he encounters Elsa Borsht (Linda Henning), the plain and sweet, virginal daughter of retired props-master Horst Borsht (Robert Legionaire), who has been murdered for no discernable reason. A romance emerges between Sam and the seductive Gena Anastas (Samantha Eggar) and more crimes follow in this classic with the "who-dunnit" plot thickening against the Los Angeles backdrop.

The play was recorded on stage, granting audience members a chance to witness radio theatre being made. Sound-effects engineer Tony Palermo, wowed on-lookers with sound effects made from ordinary objects, like duct tape to create the illusion of bandages being removed.

"It was delightful and a real insight into the process of radio," said audience member Jacelyn Wright. "[The play] revealed the quick wit required for live performances."

Throughout the production, the audience interacted with the performers.

"If you're going to laugh,



DAN VILLASENOR / VALLEY STAR
ON THE CASE - Detective Bogart, left, played by Rich Little argues with Lt. Marion Bumbera played by H. M. Wynant in Saturday's performance of "The Man With Bogart's Face."

put some HA, HA, HA's into it," announcer John Harlan said.

However, the audience needed no guidance on laughing. The crowd roared when Little broke out of character and did his many talented impersonations including George W. Bush, and

cracked up at Little and Worley's hysterical banter.

"In this elaborate electronic age it's nice that radio still carries it's magic," said Marsha Hunt, who was among the radio personalities black listed during the 'Red Scare' in the early 1950s. "Radio puts the

audience to work; it's a challenge they are willing to do."

CART performances can also be heard on XM Radio, Oasis Recording and Audible programs. For additional information on CART, visit its website online at www.calartistsradiotheatre.org.

Homecoming Monster Mash

BY CLAUDIA LOZANO
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to build a feeling of community and take off some the political tension on campus, the Associated Students Union hosted the Halloween dance Friday night at Monarch Hall, the second at Valley College in 15 years.

"Students requested this dance and it's really aimed to bring people together," said ASU Vice President Jessie Salas, who organized the event.

Dancing to the beat of KVCN's radio disc jockey Tony Valdez's "DJ Quest" mixes, Valley students enjoyed the festivities after the homecoming football game.

"I'm really enjoying myself," said Valley student Jorge Ortiz, who danced nonstop most of the night.

Monarch Hall looked festive and well decorated with jack-o-lanterns throughout the stage, balloons, spider webs on the walls and skull chandeliers hanging from the ceiling.

The dance gave various clubs the opportunity to fundraise and some needed the exposure among Valley students.

"This dance was a great idea," said Apple Club President Perchui Tokadjian. Her only complaint was that the event could have used more advertising. "About 90 percent of students didn't know about this dance."

Throughout the evening more than 100 students made a quick stop to check out the event and support their clubs.

"It's good to see Valley students being proud of their school," said Chicano Studies professor Robert LaCarra.

"This party is without a doubt a success," said one of the evening's chaperones African American studies professor Dan Mitchell.



DAN VILLASENOR / VALLEY STAR
DOING HER THING - Monarch cheer coach Levis Francis dances to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" during the 2004 Homecoming dance.

According to ASU President Levon Bagramian, this dance was necessary to try to get more students involved and social events are a great way to establish a relationship for future activities. "If we develop a certain level of trust and friendship then we can ask more students to get involved."

CONCERT REVIEW

Courtney Love: Trick Or Treat?

■ "America's Sweetheart" delivers half-hearted Halloween performance.

BY CHEYENNE MATHEWS
VALLEY LIFE EDITOR

Forget tales of goblins, ghouls and ghosts. The scariest story this Halloween was the legend of Courtney Love.

Between court appearances for drug abuse and assault charges, Love attempted to play a show at the Ventura Theatre Friday night. Apparently someone forgot to inform Courtney that the grunge act of standing in one place, staring at the floor and mumbling incoherently went out in the mid-90s.

Opening the set with her single, "Mono," Love acted as though it pained her to be onstage, straining with every movement and every note.

For the remainder of the night, Love spent most of the time arguing with her band over song selections or searching for her next pack of cigarettes. When she did manage to sing, she neglected most of the material from her solo album, "America's Sweetheart," opting to perform old hits from her band Hole like "Amethyst" and "Malibu."

During this lackluster set, Love's most animated performance of the night was "All the Drugs," which she fittingly described as a love song. If she had maintained half of the fervor and intensity originally pumped into this song, the concert wouldn't have been quite so disappointing.

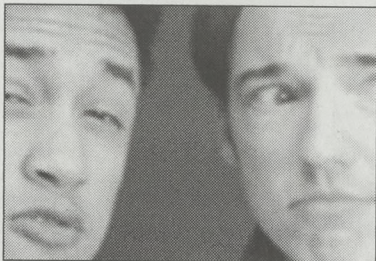
Six songs into the set, Love attempted to end the show, complaining about losing her voice. Five minutes later, her handlers pushed her back onstage where she whined, "I have to sing, but I don't want to."

With this apathetic attitude, Love half-heartedly sang more of her older songs like "Reasons to be Beautiful" and "Miss World." When she muttered the line, "I'm Miss World, somebody kill me," it was one of the few moments of the concert where Love actually exhibited any emotion.

On "Celebrity Skin," one of the best songs of the night and of her entire career, Love sang, "My name was never was, my name was might have been, my name's forgotten." Well, Courtney, your name's not forgotten yet, but if you keep performing like that, it soon will be.

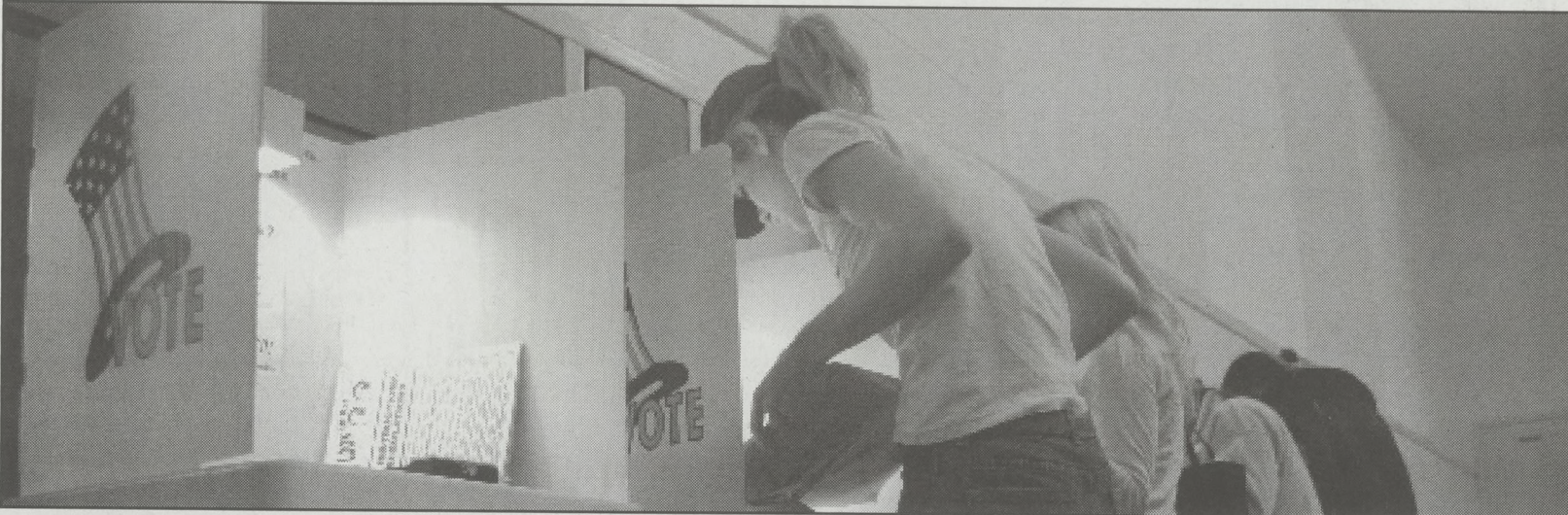
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AT THE POLLS



EVERY VOTE COUNTS - Voters come to Erwin St. Elementary School Tuesday, Nov. 2 for the 2004 presidential election.

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HARD AT WORK - Tyree Wieder, president of Los Angeles Valley College, tends to tasks in her office during the days leading up to the annual President's Gala celebrating the campus' 55th anniversary.

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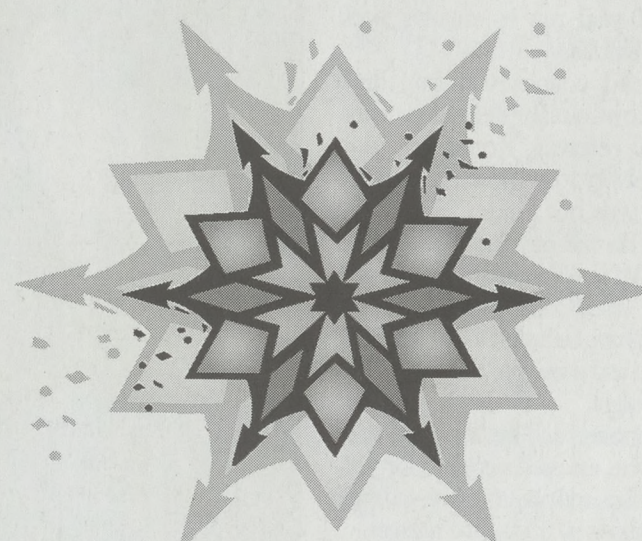
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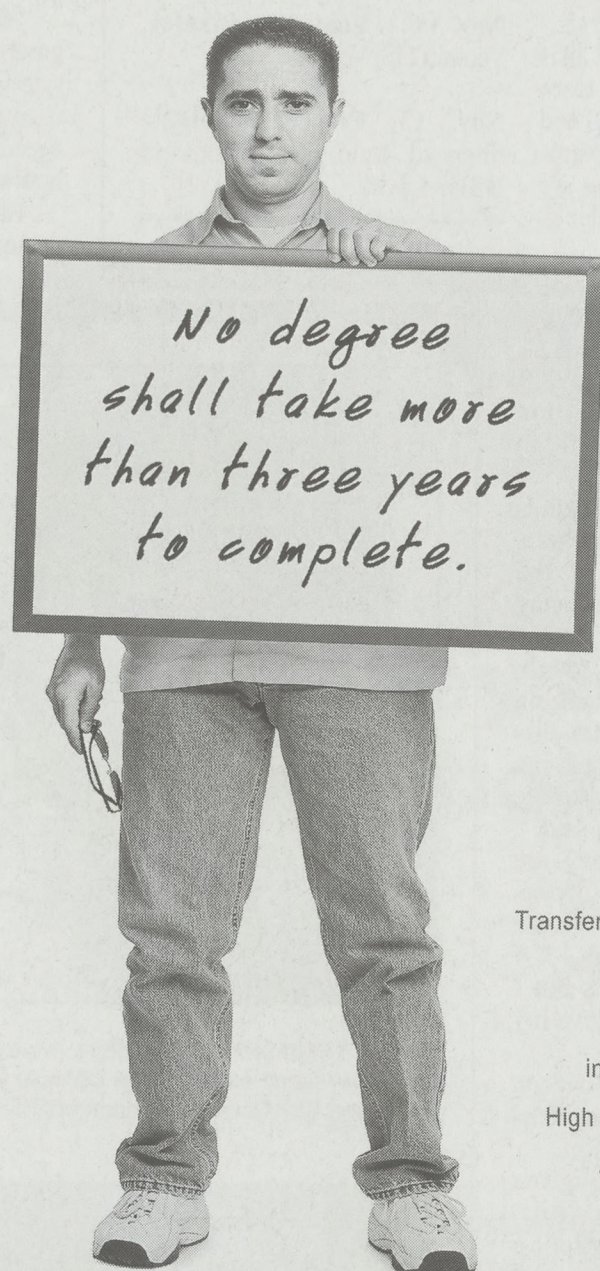


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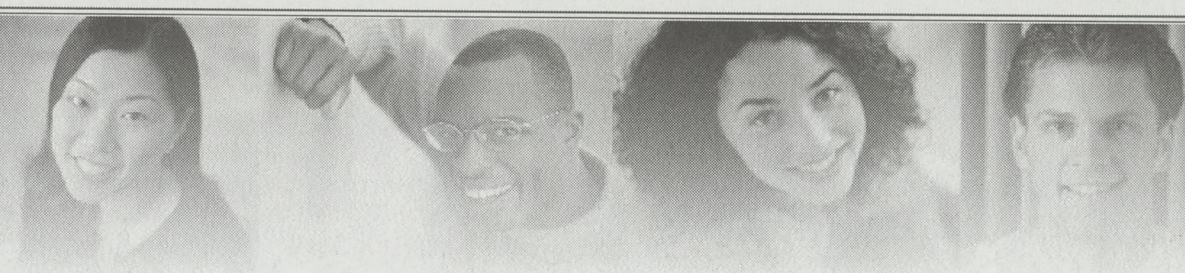
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WESTERN STATE CONFERENCE - FOOTBALL

Bulldogs Bite Monarchs at Homecoming

■ Valley never gained the lead in the final home game of the regular season.

BY SAM HAHN
SPORTS EDITOR

In the final home game of the season, Valley College failed to keep up with Allan Hancock as the Monarchs fell to the Bulldogs 30-13.

Controversial calls, primarily in the second quarter, zapped Valley's momentum and prevented the Monarchs from getting back into the game.

"I don't think that we executed plays during the game," said offense tackle Tommy Burns. "[We] came out without any fire or desire to win today. You could obviously see that we just didn't have it tonight."

Struggling to get any offense going in the first quarter, both Hancock and Valley were forced to play in a defense mindset as both teams shut down each other's offenses in the first quarter.

The only score came as Bulldog kicker Victor Velasco converted a 30-yard field goal attempt to give Allan Hancock the 3-0 lead with 9:59 left in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs struck again early in the second quarter as freshman running back Drew Williams scored a 9-yard rushing touchdown to push the lead 10-0.

After gaining only 7 yards on their next possession, the Monarch defense could not hold the Bulldogs from driving down the field as Velasco successfully connected on a 34-yard field goal that gave Hancock an early and comfortable 13-0 lead.

The Monarchs answered back as sophomore running back Edric Prim scored a 9-yard touchdown pass that cut the Bulldog lead 13-7 with 2:59 left in the first half and giving Prim 1010 yards for the season.

Controversy erupted after the score as a fumble recovery by Valley

was called as the line judge stated that he had blown the play dead.

Hancock was forced to punt with 41 seconds left in the half as the Bulldog offense failed to convert on a third-and-16 after quarterback Blake Sartini was sacked for an 11-yard loss by defensive back Jerome Buchanan.

Valley was once again in the middle of controversy as the referees on the field refused to measure what was thought by many to be an obvious 10-yard run by running back Alain Sinclair.

Head coach Ron Ponciano was continually denied a reply, as the referees would not give an answer to why the measurement was not made.

"The call obviously derailed us for a bit," said quarterback Brendon Doyle (10-28, 124 yards). "But, we should have been able to bounce back from it and move on. We failed to do that tonight."

Ponciano and the Monarch sideline were assessed penalties for yelling as fans and players expressed their frustrations by booing the referees.

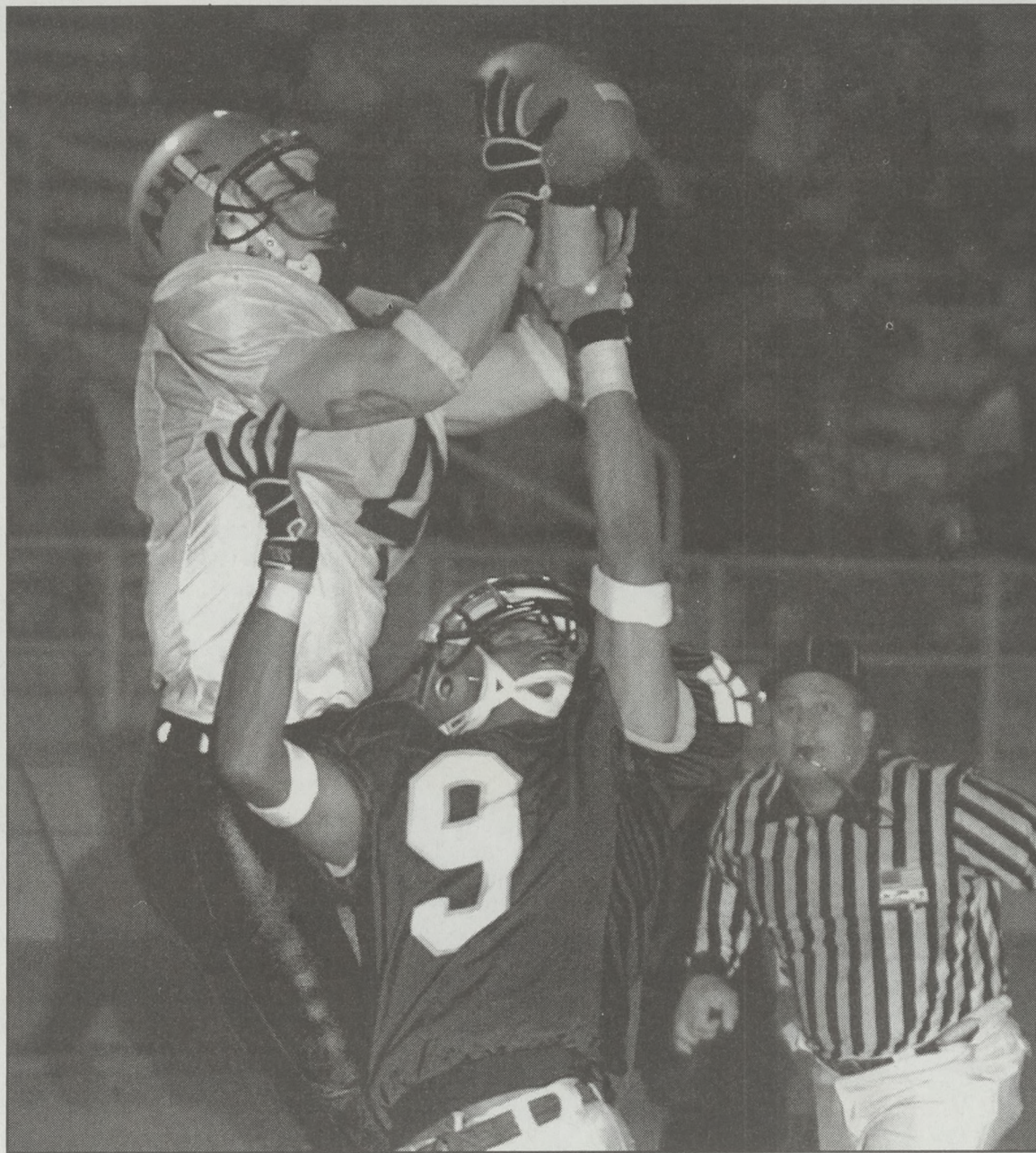
Without receiving the first down, Valley was forced to take a field goal as kicker Christian Guardado successfully converted on a 35-yard attempt that cut Bulldog lead 13-10 entering halftime.

Forcing a punt on Hancock's first possession, Valley attempted to take the lead before punter Shaun Avalos' punt was blocked on the Monarch 13-yard line.

Taking advantage of their field position, the Bulldogs struck once again as Velasco converted on a 19-yard field goal to push the Hancock lead to 16-10.

Recovering a fumble with 1:20 left in the third quarter, the Monarchs looked to take the lead as Doyle converted a 50-yard reception with receiver Arnold Towler Jr.

After marching down the field, Doyle threw an interception to sophomore defensive back Trevor Meyers with 13:44 left in the fourth



UP FOR GRABS - Bulldog wide receiver Ryan Bugg, 4, leaps to catch the ball before Monarch corner back Geoff Tisdale can defend the pass Oct. 30. The Hancock Bulldogs beat Valley 30-13 in the final home game of the regular season.

quarter to end Valley's drive deep in Bulldog territory.

Guardado converted a 44-yard field goal with 8:13 left in the fourth quarter to cut Hancock's lead 16-13 after the Monarch defense held and forced the Bulldogs to punt.

Answering right back, the Bulldogs scored on a 65-yard touchdown reception by Ryan Bugg that pushed the lead up to 23-13.

Hancock sealed the game

as running back Pablo Ramos scored on a 62-yard touchdown run that pushed the lead 30-13.

Valley's last gasp was foiled as backup quarterback Corey Jones' pass was intercepted by defensive back Peter Pisani.

"I don't know what it is," explained free safety Chris Green on the loss. "We as a team just need to surround the ball and tackle. [The team] has problems making simple tackles, and we need to work on that in order to

be successful."

The Monarchs will play at Ventura College Nov. 6 at 4 p.m.

SCHEDULE

Nov. 6: Ventura Pirates, Ventura HS, Ventura, 5 p.m.

Nov. 13: Pierce Brahmas, Shepard Stadium, Woodland Hills, 4 p.m.

Water Polo Finishes the Season

■ The deep-end pool fights are over, so is one team's chances.

BY TAMMY FUNICELLO
STAFF WRITER

The Monarchs and Lady Monarchs ended their water polo seasons at opposite ends of the standings this season. The men's team is looking forward to the playoffs and the women are looking for answers.

The Monarchs entered its penultimate game with a 4-0 conference record and 11-6 overall record. The team easily defeated the Santa Monica Corsairs 20-5 after taking early 5-0 lead in the first quarter.

"This was a pretty easy game for us," said Monarch Alutun Madatyan.

The Monarchs had control of the game early as Valley held the Corsairs to just one goal in the second quarter. The Monarchs entered the fourth quarter with a commanding 14-3 lead.

"Everyone really came together and played well," said Madatyan. "The defense was really good and so was the offense. People really stepped up."

With only one game left in the season, head coach Jim McMillan likes the team's chances, as the Monarchs remain in first place entering the Western State Conference Tournament, which starts Nov. 5 at Cuesta College.

"The season is going very well so far and we have improved greatly since the beginning," said McMillan. "I am really proud of these guys."

Lady Monarchs Coach Eddie Barrera said the team has had a rough season, but is coming together. The team defeated the Santa Monica Corsairs 8-4 in the final game of the season, which puts Valley in second to last place with an 0-2 conference record, and a 10-13 overall record.

"We have an inexperienced group of girls this year," said strong side wing Valentina Alberti. "Our chemistry is really not that good because we are still trying to learn how to play together."

Both teams played their final games of the season Tuesday.

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W. Water Polo Record: 10-13

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A Monarch Football Family Affair

[Family] from Pg. 1

At a family reunion, both families came together. Faleafaga was surprised to see Ofagalilo arrive

When Faleafaga's mother asked how he knew Ofagalilo, he confidently answered, "He's my best friend."

They both have a tough exterior but their strength of character is as powerful off the field as it is on. When it comes to their family they are not afraid to show their sensitive sides.

Both Faleafaga's and Ofagalilo's mothers formed a sisterly bond as they were alone, struggling to take care of their kids and work at the same time. Together they found strength in each other out.

"It's the same thing me and Kirifi are doing right now," said Faleafaga.

"I'm from a family I really respect and [that] part of our culture is the most important thing," said Faleafaga.

After hearing their older brothers rave about winning a state championship, Faleafaga and Ofagalilo decided to try football for themselves, getting a chance in their senior year as Ofagalilo was named offensive player of the year and their team made it to the state championship game.

When they heard about Samoans that made it to the NFL, like Miami Dolphin's Junior Seau and Oakland

Raider's Marques Tuiasosopo they became motivated to get to that level. "That's what makes us want to play more and more," said Faleafaga.

The two decided to come to the United States because there are more options and Pago Pago had no college football programs.

The opportunity came when Defensive Coordinator Leon Criner received a tape made by their high school coach. Criner recruited both to the College of the Canyons Cougars team, where they helped lead the team to a 11-1 record and a 2003 state championship.

When Faleafaga was with his family in Hawaii last Christmas he struggled with the decision whether to return to the mainland. He got the answer he needed when Coach Criner invited him to play for the new Valley Monarchs. Fueled by his mom's insistence not to give up, Faleafaga agreed.

Coach Criner has been like a father to him from the start, according to Faleafaga, helping with school, his future and football. "Wherever he goes, I go."

When Ofagalilo heard that Faleafaga was coming to Valley he wanted to join him. "He's like my little brother, we're really close," said Faleafaga.

That closeness comes also from the love and support of their families. Faleafaga's eyes fill with emotion and his voice softens as he talks about his

mom being like angel to him and the reason he's still in school.

"Every time I feel like quitting my mom is always there, she's like the wheels of the cart—the wheels always stay the same," said Faleafaga.

It's a lesson his dad taught him years ago about making family the most important priority in life. "He showed me how to be a man, he showed me responsibility," Faleafaga said.

Whatever happens they are making their family proud. "Wherever I succeed, I'll take it home," said Faleafaga. "I know she won't hear this but I just want to say, I really love my mom."

Faleafaga looks to move on to a D-1 school after the completion of this year's season.

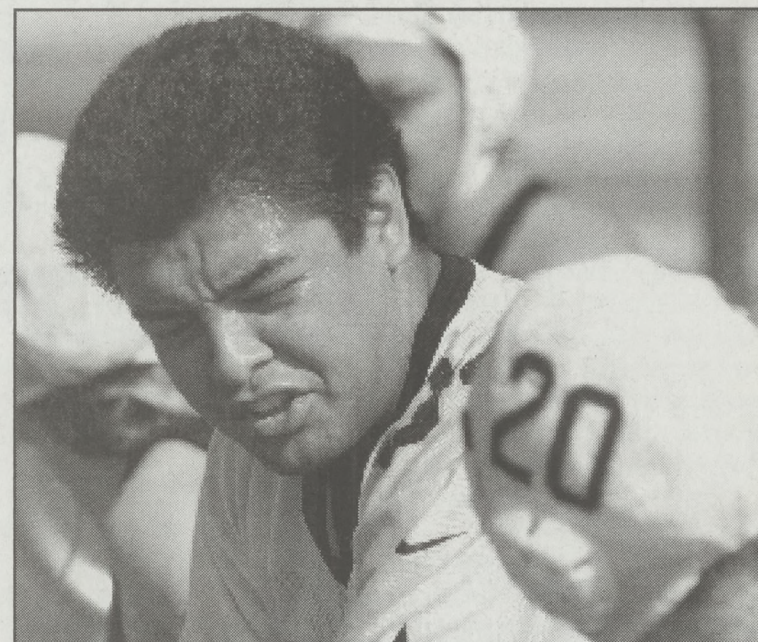
Ofagalilo, who is sitting out this year because he is red-shirted, looks to make an impact for the Monarchs next season.

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WSC - WOMEN'S WATER POLO



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MANY THOUGHTS - Women's water polo coach Eddie Barrera goes over game strategy with Danielle Loomans during the two-day Pasadena City College tournament Oct. 9

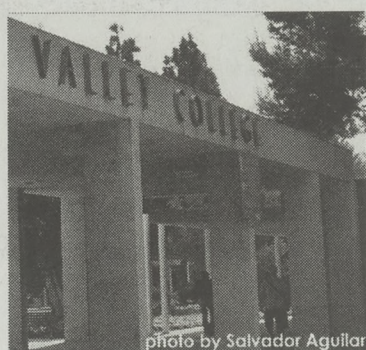


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MAKING A POINT - Valley 2-meter Ariga Hacopian, 10, prepares to fire on Santa Monica goalie Elice Estrada Oct. 27. The Monarchs defeated the Corsairs 8-3.

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IT'S IN THE GAME - The Monarch cheerleading squad readies a banner that reads "Go Big Green" as Valley prepares for the second half of action against the Allan Hancock Bulldogs at Monarch Stadium Oct. 30.

Monarch Homecoming 2004

LAYOUT BY JORGE GALLEGOS
PHOTO EDITOR



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ON THE MOVE - Monarch running back Edric Primm attempts to get away from the grip of the Allan Hancock Bulldogs Oct. 30 at Homecoming.

With the responsibility of providing entertainment for Valley College students on its mind, the Associated Student Union handed out sweets and a few treats to help make the 2004 Monarch Homecoming a fun night.

In keeping with a long-standing Homecoming tradition, Monarch football provided action for fans Saturday in a match-up with the Allan Hancock Bulldogs. Despite the 30-13 loss, the crowd had no shortage of "ooh's" and "aah's."

ASU President Levon Bagramian tossed candy to the crowd at halftime in preparation for the "Monster Mash" dance in Monarch Hall later in the evening. Meanwhile cheer coach Levis Francis and company got down for the crowd.

After having a night of innocent fun, Valley's Homecoming proved one thing: you can have your candy... and eat it, too.



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DOING THEIR THING - ASU members Theresa Chavez, left, and Jennifer Wakefield do a jig at Monarch Hall Oct. 30 for the 2004 Homecoming dance.



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CAT'S NIGHT OUT - Black Student Union President Crystal Honey makes her entrance into the 2004 Homecoming dance at Monarch Hall Oct. 30.



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SPINNING - Broadcasting student Tony Valdez, also known as D.J. Quest, gave Valley students a reason to dance during the post-game Homecoming festivities Oct. 30.